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SUBJ: LOCKHEED: SWISS GOVERNMENT APPROVES VISIT BY DUTCH

COMMISSION

REF: BERN 796

1. THE SWISS FEDERAL COUNCIL HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAS APPROVED THE VISIT OF A DUTCH GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE TO SWITZERLAND IN CONNECTION WITH THE LOCKHEED - PRINCE BERNHARD CASE. THE BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THE COMMISSION WOULD BE ABLE TO INTERVIEW TWO WITNESSES (MEUSER AND WEISBROD) IN SWITZERLAND IF THE WITNESSES WERE WILLING TO BE INTERVIEWED.

2. THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THE DECISION WAS TAKEN

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BECAUSE SWITZERLAND AND HOLLAND ARE BOTH PARTIES TO

THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE. NO DETAILS WERE GIVEN AS TO WHEN THE COMMISSION MIGHT ACTUALLY ARRIVE IN SWITZERLAND.

3. COMMENT:

MEUSER AND WEISBROD HAVE EARLIER EXPRESSED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH THE DUTCH COMMITTEE. THEY HAVE ALSO STATED PUBLICLY THAT THEY HAD NOT PASSED BRIBES TO PRINCE BERNHARD.

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